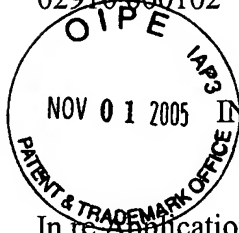


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 3, 2005, Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I directed to Claims 1-12, 17 and 18.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement for the following reasons.

A careful review of the specification reveals that the two groups are closely related so that all of the claims could be searched by one Examiner without undue effort. Further, a duplicative